

Suggested Ordinance Modifications

New ordinances needed:

No Camping on Beaches

Investigate a no overnight (dusk to dawn) camping on the shoreline ordinance. This should include open sleeping with or without a bedroll on the shoreline after dusk. See New Shoreham's ordinance Chapter 9 Marine Activities, Article II , Beaches, §9-19, for an example.

No Public Urination/Defecation

Investigate making it illegal to defecate or urinate outside on public or private property. Note: **RIGL §11-45**, Disorderly Conduct, does not properly cover these acts. Conviction depends on proving lascivious intent. See Newport's ordinance §94 050 A-10 for an example.

Dusk to Dawn ROW Parking Restrictions

Investigate whether an ordinance prohibiting non resident parking near ROWs, or restricting use of ROWs from dusk to dawn is legally permissible. If it is, such an ordinance is recommended excepting boat ramps.

Changes to existing ordinances needed:

Alcohol §89-1

Ordinance Addition:

Prohibit alcohol on shoreline areas period - not just the consumption of alcohol. This means possession of either open or closed containers on shoreline areas is prohibited and alcohol can be confiscated.

Fires §124-3

Ordinance Addition:

Fires are permitted on private shoreline properties, with a valid permit. Public shoreline fires can only be permitted in designated spots.

Investigate the ability to include cooking fires on the shoreline.

Noise §257-11

Ordinance Addition:

Specify no amplified sound or other noise is allowed on the shoreline above residential standard decibels (65/55) without a permit.

Leash Law §101-12

Ordinance Addition:

Specify dogs must be leashed on all shoreline areas and owners must pick up after dogs.

Fireworks §257-9

Ordinance Addition

Update the fireworks ordinance to agree with the 2010 RIGL changes.

Suggested Organizational Responses at Sakonnet

CRMC

Remove, or give PDPW permission to remove, misleading signage.
Provide to PDPW a standard CRMC "ROW" sign for the beginning of the ROW.

PDPW

Clearly define (use boulders?) the ROW as an extension of the road south of the bridge going east to the water.
Install the CRMC "ROW" sign at the beginning of that ROW.
Define the 12 public ROW parking spots under the bridge.
Install resident only parking signage elsewhere in the area, if possible.

RI Energy

Provide lockbox for gate to allow use of their access road by Town first responders.
Fence property on the north side of tracks if possible.
Put no trespassing signs on fence or, if no fence, at the paths into property.

RR

Fence property on the south side of tracks if possible. (Encourage using a no climb fence?)
Put no trespassing signs on fence or, if no fence, at paths going over the RR.

Coast Guard

Track down and stop the unlicensed ferry service to this beach.

RIBTA/DOT

Expand bridge camera network to monitor the beach and the ROW parking lot area.
Put "no trespassing" signs on supports under the bridge.

RIDOH

Investigate source of used needles found on the beach area.

PPD

Regular patrols in the area especially by the Harbormaster on key weekends.

DEM

Investigate ability to provide and maintain a port-a-potty in an appropriate beach area.
Increase enforcement of fishing rules.